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**TO:** Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

**FROM:** Ken Wagner, Ph.D., Commissioner

**RE:** 2015-2016 Charter School Annual Performance Review and Renewal Process Overview (Part 2)

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At the September 20, 2016 meeting, the Council reviewed the revised [Charter School Performance Review System](#). The Charter Performance Review System is a tool that will be used by RIDE staff and the Commissioner starting in the 2016-17 school year to inform the Council annually of charter school performance and prepare for charter school renewal decisions.

To follow up on previous discussions with the Council, RIDE staff have compiled the following high-level report of charter school performance for the 2015-16 school year. This report identifies each charter school's performance according to the review system's indicators of academic, financial, organizational, and compliance performance, and is based on the most recent available data. This report is the first annual performance review completed under the revised system and will become a regular item of review and discussion for the Council. Each year, annual performance ratings will be available for each charter school once statewide accountability results are published.

RIDE presented an initial overview of the annual report at the April 18, 2017 meeting. At the May 9 Council meeting, RIDE staff will provide more detailed information about the annual ratings for the charters up for renewal in fall 2017, and address any more in-depth follow-up questions the Council may have regarding this report. There is no specific action required for this item.

The following report includes:

- A summary of school information and annual ratings for the 2015-16 school year.
- An overview of the charter renewal process.
- For the eight charters going through the renewal process, a summary of annual ratings for each indicator starting with the 2013-14 school year.
- For the eight charters going through the renewal process, an overview of the Tier designation used to differentiate each charter's renewal process.

## **2015-2016 Charter Performance Review System Overall Ratings Summary**

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Each indicator of the Charter Performance Review System – academic, financial, organizational, and compliance – contains multiple, clear performance criteria. Performance on these criteria inform an annual overall indicator rating:

- E = Exceeds Expectations
- M = Meets Expectations
- A = Approaches Expectations
- DNM = Does Not Meet Expectations
- NR = Not Rated (Either the school does not yet have tested grades or has insufficient data to receive a total CIS score or component score of the statewide accountability system)
- NA = Not applicable (Indicator 1B – School Comparison is only rated if the school is rated at “Approaches” or “Does Not Meet” for Indicator 1A – School Performance)

The 2016-17 school year will be the first year in which all criteria in the charter school performance review system receive a performance rating. Some of the criteria in the new performance review system were also included in the old renewal evaluation framework, while other brand new criteria will be evaluated for the first time. Since charters did not know of the brand new criteria during the 2015-16 school year, the 2015-16 ratings for financial, organizational, and financial performance only reflect the criteria that existed in both the old and new performance review system. Starting with the 2016-17 school year, charter schools will be evaluated against all criteria in the new evaluation system.

Each charter has received its detailed 2015-16 performance report containing a breakdown of performance on each criteria, and RIDE will publish these annual reports on RIDE’s website. As the primary indicator, the academic performance indicator is aligned with the statewide accountability system and as such, 2016-17 charter performance reports will be finalized once the results of the 2016-17 statewide accountability system are available.

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Indicators		ACE	Achievement First		Beacon		Blackstone Academy	Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy					
			Providence	Illuminar	High School	Founders Academy		ES1	ES2	ES3	MS1	MS2	HS
Charter Overview	Charter Type	District	Mayoral		Independent		Independent	Mayoral					
	Located In	Providence	Providence		Woonsocket		Pawtucket	Cumberland	Cumberland	Lincoln	Central Falls	Lincoln	Cumberland
	Renewal Decision in Fall/Winter of	2019	2017		2017		2021	2018					
	Year Opened	1997	2013	2015	2003	2015	2002	2009	2011	2015	2010	2016	2014
	Current Grades Served	9-12	K-4	K-2	9-12	6-7	9-12	K-4	K-4	K-1	5-8	5	9-11
	Current Enrollment (ADM)	198	444	263	229	90	295	408	416	111	329	82	239
	2016 CIS Score	61	85.7	NR	87	60.7	60	88	76	NR	91	NA	84.43
2015-16 Academic Performance	(1A) School Performance	M	M	NR	M	M	M	M	M	NR	E	NA	M
	(1B) School Comparison	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2015-16 Sustainability	(1) Financial	M	A	A	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	NA	M
	(2) Organizational	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	NA	M
	(3) Compliance	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	NA	M

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Indicators		Highlander	Hope Academy	International Charter School	Kingston Hill Academy	New England Laborers'/ Cranston PS Construction & Career Acad.	Paul Cuffee School	RI Nurse's Institute Middle College	RISE Prep	Segue	Sheila "Skip" Nowell	
											Central	Capital
Charter Overview	Charter Type	Independent	Mayoral	Independent	Independent	District	Independent	Independent	Mayoral	Independent	Independent	
	Located In	Providence	Providence	Pawtucket	Saunders-town	Cranston	Providence	Providence	Woonsocket	Central Falls	Central Falls	Providence
	Renewal Decision in Fall/Winter of	2017	2018	2017	2017	2019	2017	2020	2019	2018	2017	2017
	Year Opened	2000	2014	2001	2001	2002	2000	2011	2015	2010	2013	2013
	Current Grades Served	PK-12	K-2	K-5	K-5	9-12	K-12	9-12	K-1	6-8	9-12	9-12
	Current Enrollment (ADM)	516	108	350	190	162	763	265	96	236	75	80
	2016 CIS Score	40	NR	73	97	40	77	42.4	NR	53	25.7	25.7
2015-16 Academic Performance	(1A) School Performance	A	NR	M	E	DNM	M	A	NR	M	DNM	DNM
	(1B) School Comparison	DNM	NA	NA	NA	DNM	NA	DNM	NA	NA	NR	NR
2015-16 Sustainability	(1) Financial	A	M	M	A	M	M	M	NA	M	M	M
	(2) Organizational	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
	(3) Compliance	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M

2015-2016 Charter Performance Review System Overall Ratings Summary (Continued)

Indicators		SouthSide Elementary	The Compass School	The Greene School	The Learning Community	Times2 Academy	Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts	Village Green Virtual
Charter Overview	Charter Type	Independent	Independent	Independent	Independent	District	Independent	Independent
	Located In	Providence	Kingston	W. Greenwich	Central Falls	Providence	Providence	Providence
	Renewal Decision in Fall/Winter of	2018	2021	2019	2018	2018	2019	2017
	Year Opened	2014	2002	2010	2004	1998	2010	2013
	Current Grades Served	K-2	K-8	9-12	K-8	K-12	7-12	9-12
	Current Enrollment (ADM)	72	168	187	560	727	204	225
	2016 CIS Score	NR	91	52	71	75	38	69.3
2015-16 Academic Performance	(1A) School Performance	NR	E	M	M	M	A	M
	(1B) School Comparison	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	DNM	NA
2015-16 Sustainability	(1) Financial	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
	(2) Organizational	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
	(3) Compliance	M	M	M	M	DNM	M	M

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## Overview of the Charter Renewal Process

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- **Renewal Tiers:** Each school has received an initial renewal tier that determined a differentiated renewal process.
  - The initial tier designation informs a differentiated renewal process.
  - Tiers are based off 2013-14 and 2015-16 academic results (excludes 2014-15 due to PARCC transition) and 2014-15 and 2015-16 sustainability results.
  - Schools received “No Tier” rating if they did not have sufficient academic data in either 2013-14 or 2015-16. Process wise, “No Tier” renewals receive an in-depth renewal process similar to Tier 3 or Tier 4 school.
  - Schools will receive a final tier based on 2016-17 results.
- **Renewal Timeline:**
  - Renewal site visits are currently underway and conclude at the end of May.
  - Initial draft renewal reports will be completed by summer 2017 and updated based of 2016-2017 academic results.
  - Schools will receive an updated final tier based off 2016-2017 results for all indicators. These results are informed by the renewal site visit, FY16 audit, and the school’s performance on the statewide accountability system
  - Renewal reports and recommendations will be brought to the Council for consideration in the late fall of 2017.
- **Renewal Documentation:** The Council will receive and review for each charter:
  - Renewal Recommendation and updated Tier Designation
  - Renewal Report
  - School Response to Renewal Report
  - All Annual Performance Reports for the Charter

## Summary of Performance for Charter Schools Up for Renewal in 2017-2018

The following pages provide a snapshot of annual performance ratings for each of the eight charters up for renewal next year. The RIDE team is currently in the middle of conducting the renewal process for each charter, differentiated based on their tier designation.

These tier designations will be updated based on 2016-17 ratings.

	Indicators	Achievement First							
		Providence				Illuminar			
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Academic	(1A) School Performance	NR	NR	M	TBD	-	-	NR	TBD
	(1B)School Comparison	NR	NR	NA		-	-	NA	
Sustainability	(1) Financial	NR	A	A	TBD	-	-	A	TBD
	(2) Organizational	M	M	M		-	-	M	
	(3) Compliance	M	M	M		-	-	M	
Current Tier Designation		No Tier. In-Depth Renewal Process				No Tier. In-Depth Renewal Process			

	Indicators	Beacon Charter							
		High School				Founder's Academy			
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Acad.	(1A) School Performance	E	NR	M	TBD	-	-	M	TBD
	(1B)School Comparison	NR	NR	NA		-	-	NA	
Sust.	(1) Financial	NR	M	M	TBD	-	-	M	TBD
	(2) Organizational	M	M	M		-	-	M	
	(3) Compliance	M	M	M		-	-	M	
	Current Tier Designation	Tier 1. Expedited Renewal Process				No Tier. In-Depth Renewal Process			

	Indicators	Sheila "Skip" Nowell Leadership Academy							
		Capital Campus				Central Campus			
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Academic	(1A) School Performance	NR	NR	DNM	TBD	NR	NR	DNM	TBD
	(1B)School Comparison	NR	NR	NR		NR	NR	NR	
Sustainability	(1) Financial	NR	M	M	TBD	NR	M	M	TBD
	(2) Organizational	M	M	M		M	M	M	
	(3) Compliance	M	A	M		M	A	M	
Current Tier Designation		No Tier. In-Depth Renewal Process				No Tier. In-Depth Renewal Process			

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	Indicators	Highlander			
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Academic	(1A) School Performance	M	NR	A	TBD
	(1B)School Comparison	NA	NR	DNM	
Sustainability	(1) Financial	A	M	A	TBD
	(2) Organizational	M	M	M	
	(3) Compliance	M	M	M	
Current Tier Designation		Tier 4. In-Depth Renewal Process			

	Indicators	International Charter School			
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Academic	(1A) School Performance	M	NR	M	TBD
	(1B)School Comparison	NA	NR	NA	
Sustainability	(1) Financial	M	M	M	TBD
	(2) Organizational	M	M	M	
	(3) Compliance	M	M	M	
Current Tier Designation		Tier 2. Standard Renewal Process			

	Indicators	Kingston Hill Academy			
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Academic	(1A) School Performance	M	NR	E	TBD
	(1B)School Comparison	NA	NR	NA	
Sustainability	(1) Financial	M	M	A	TBD
	(2) Organizational	M	M	M	
	(3) Compliance	M	M	M	
Current Tier Designation		Tier 3. In-Depth Renewal Process			

		Paul Cuffee School			
	Indicators	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Academic	(1A) School Performance	M	NR	M	TBD
	(1B)School Comparison	NA	NR	NA	
Sustainability	(1) Financial	M	M	M	TBD
	(2) Organizational	M	M	M	
	(3) Compliance	M	M	M	
Current Tier Designation		Tier 2. Standard Renewal Process			

		Village Green Virtual			
	Indicators	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Academic	(1A) School Performance	NR	NR	M	TBD
	(1B)School Comparison	NR	NR	NA	
Sustainability	(1) Financial	NR	M	M	TBD
	(2) Organizational	M	M	M	
	(3) Compliance	M	M	M	
Current Tier Designation		No Tier. In-Depth Renewal Process			

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